

Stipend to Junior and Senior House Surgeons, Post-Graduate Students of Government Medical Colleges

472. Sri A. J. DODDAMETI (Ron).—

Will the Minister for Health and Housing be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Junior House Surgeons, Senior House Surgeons and Post-graduate students of Government Medical Colleges are paid stipend; if so how much;

(b) whether it is a fact that Junior House Surgeons, Senior House Surgeons and Post-graduate students of the Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore (Private Medical College) are not paid any stipend; if so the justifying points in discriminating between Government Medical College Graduates and Private Medical College Graduates though they were in Government Headquarters Hospitals?

A.—Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Health and Housing).—

(a) Junior House Surgeons (Compulsory Rotating Housemen) and Senior House Surgeons working against sanctioned stipendiary posts of House Surgeons are paid a stipend of Rs. 100 per month. Similarly, Government servants undergoing post-graduate courses who are not provided with concurrent duties and who are not in receipt of full salary are being paid Rs. 200 p.m. as stipend, which is normally reimbursed by the Government of India.

(b) Junior and Senior House Surgeons at Mangalore are not paid any stipend. Only twelve Post-graduate students are paid a stipend of Rs. 75 each p.m. by the Kasturba Medical College, Manipal. Some Post-Graduate students of that College get the Government of India Scholarship of Rs. 200 p.m. This does not amount to discrimination since students of the Private Medical Colleges are governed by the rules of the concerned medical college.

Bridge across Hirehalla Nala

473. Sri VIRUPAKSHAGOUDA B. MALI PATIL (Koppal).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) whether an estimate has been prepared for the construction of a bridge across Hirehalla Nala near Alwandi Village in Koppal Taluk ;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposed to construct the bridge early in view of its importance as a bridge to the only road connecting two taluk headquarters and also in view of the inconvenience caused to the travelling public especially during rainy season ?

A. —Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) This will be considered subject to availability of funds.